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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHIRAMA RAO :—" Yes. The Government examined the memorandum in consultation with the Board of Revenue. They saw no grounds to comply with the request of the Association. The Secretary of the Association has been informed accordingly."

Prohibition stations in Malabar.

* 1042 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) how many Prohibition station-houses are vacant without Sub-Inspectors in Malabar and for how long the stations have been vacant; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to fill up the vacancies of Sub-Inspectors in Prohibition stations in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) Out of the 48 Prohibition station-houses in Malabar 12 were vacant for want of Sub-Inspectors, viz., one from November 1952, one from December 1952, 2 from January 1953, 2 from February 1953, 2 from April 1953 and 4 from May 1953.

" (b) Yes, Sir. Orders have already been issued to the officers concerned to fill up the vacancies of Sub-Inspectors in the Prohibition stations in Malabar."

Fair price shops in Madras City.

* 1043 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many fair price shops were removed in the City of Madras from January to April 1953 and the causes for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One hundred and nineteen fair price shops were 'removed.' Out of these, 93 shops were relinquished by the fair price shop-keepers voluntarily, 14 shops were given up by the shop-keepers on detection of serious irregularities and 12 shops were kept under suspension for serious defects noticed in the running of the shops."

Refund of the security amount of the Railway Labour Press, Golden Rock.

* 1044 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government for the refund of the security amount forfeited in respect of the Railway Labour Press, Golden Rock, belonging to the Southern Railway Labour Union, Golden Rock; and

(b) the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :— " (a) & (b) Yes, certain representations in this regard,